

## **UDOT I-15 CORE FACT SHEET**

Sources: Utah Department of Transportation; Department of Workforce Services; Economic Development Corporation of Utah; Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development; Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting; Mountainland Association of Governments

## I-15 CORE Details

- UDOT's most significant project
- Expands 20 miles of Interstate-15 from American Fork Main Street to the U.S. 6 interchange
- Adds more travel lanes on I-15 including:
  - Two south and two northbound lanes from American Fork Main Street to University Avenue in Provo
  - One south and one northbound lane from University Avenue in Provo to the U.S. 6 interchange
- Extends the carpool lane north and southbound on I-15 from University Parkway in Orem to U.S. 6
- Widens corridor lanes to maximum capability to extend its load capacity to meet 2030 projections
- Rebuilds or modifies 11 freeway interchanges and replaces 55 aging bridges
- Employs efficiency and an aggressive timeline using design-build construction
- Involves working with government officials, businesses, community leaders, residents and property owners throughout the valley
- Follows a fixed-price/best-design RFP approach, which requires contractors to provide the highest value improvements within a fixed budget and set project parameters

## I-15 CORE Timeline and Project Projections

- 1965: I-15 in Utah County completed; no significant improvements made since, with the exception of the May 2006 carpool lane addition from the Alpine interchange to University Parkway in Orem
- August 2002: Mountainland Association of Governments asks UDOT to study improvements needed on I-15 in Utah County
- June 2004-August 2008: UDOT compiles I-15 Utah County corridor's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- February 2008: Utah State Legislature authorizes a \$2.6 billion program to expand and rebuild I-15.
- August 2008: FHWA grants Record of Decision on I-15 Utah County EIS, allowing UDOT to move forward with planning, designing and constructing I-15 CORE
- Fall 2008-Fall 2009: UDOT I-15 CORE team working on project development, procurement, and initial design to prepare parameters for design-build contractor selection
- Spring 2009: UDOT to issue Request for Proposals to select I-15 CORE design-build team
- Spring 2009: Reconstruction of American Fork Main Street interchange begins (funded by I-15 CORE) as part of the Pioneer Crossing project
- Fall 2009: UDOT to select a design-build contractor team
- Fall 2009-Winter 2011: Contractor to work with UDOT to finalize design
- Spring 2010: I-15 CORE construction to begin
- Fall 2014: I-15 CORE construction to be completed

## **Utah County Population and Economic Growth Projections**

- Utah County is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation and the second most populated county in Utah with 20% of the state's total population
- Utah County is Utah's fastest growing: average annual growth rate of 4.4%; grew by 5.5% in 2007
- When construction starts in 2010, population is projected to be 560,000; by 2020, it will exceed 727,000
- The Milken Institute ranks Provo-Orem No.1 in job growth among the nation's large metro areas; the ranking is based on job creation and retention, quality of jobs and economic performance
- The labor market has grown an average of 5% annually since 2004; 9,000 new jobs were added in 2007

